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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Increased Medicaid Payment for Primary Care-Retroactive Adjustments

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2013

In November 2012, the IME announced the implementation of a provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that supports increased payments to certain primary care physicians for specified primary care services. The services eligible for the higher Medicaid payment must be delivered by a physician who specializes in family medicine, general internal medicine or pediatric medicine, including services provided by non-physician practitioners if billed under the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of an eligible physician. To qualify, the physician is required to self-attest to their qualification. Consistent with direction from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the IME allowed providers attesting as eligible through April 1, 2013, to be paid for claims with dates of service going back to January 1, 2013.

Update: CMS approved the Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) and the IME will now re-settle (adjust) all eligible paid claims based on the provider's attestation date or January 1, 2013, if attestation occurred prior to April 1, 2013. The adjusted claims will include the increase amount and will be processed in several weekly payment cycles beginning in mid-June 2013, with all adjustments being completed on or before the end of August 2013. All new claims moving forward will also include the increase as applicable.

Self-attestation is simple. Providers should go to <https://www.tfaforms.com/264250> and complete the single page eform capturing a provider's identification and qualification information along with the attestation of eligibility. The form is straightforward and there are no separate directions, but guidance and clarification is displayed when you click on most fields of the form. Please refer to Informational Letter No [1194](#) for full details and qualification information.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.